

April 8, 2020

## Via Email & FedEx Service

Robert Valentine Town Supervisor Town of Chester 1786 Kings Highway Chester NY 10918

Re: Recycling Services

Dear Mr. Valentine,

All of us are understandably preoccupied with the COVID- 19 pandemic and the risks it poses to the health of our family, friends and neighbors. Additionally, there are the resulting consequences that the virus will have upon the local, state, national & global economy. We recognize the tremendous responsibility that all municipalities are bearing right now as well as the business community.

As you know, IWS collects, processes and disposes of the solid waste and recycling materials for the Town of Chester. These services have been declared an "essential service" by the state of New York and we take our role in your community very seriously.

To that end, IWS pledges to continue all collection services to Chester, as scheduled. However, the process of separating your comingled recyclables calls for a significant amount of manual labor. This process is performed in areas where social distancing is difficult and in some cases, impossible. Therefore, effective immediately and until further notice we be suspending processing of residential recyclable materials. All recyclable material will be disposed of as solid waste and charged to the borough accordingly. Once the COVID-19 social distancing requirements are lifted, we will resume operations as normal. Please accept our thanks as you help us protect our employees who are quietly in the front lines of this pandemic.

We greatly appreciate your understanding as we all work through these deeply unsettling times. Should you need to reach us, our contact info is provided below.

Respectfully,

Interstate Waste Services, Inc.

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